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Applicant: Hiroaki Shizuya                      Art Unit: 1645  
Application No.: 09/896,509                      Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: June 28, 2001  
Title: METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING AN ESSENTIAL GENE IN  
PROKARYOTIC MICROORGANISM

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application mailed on July 20, 2001.

The requested extension is for Four (4) Months, extending the period for response from September 20, 2001 to January 20, 2002.

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| CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8  |                                   |
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| I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, <b>January 18, 2002</b> , in an envelope addressed to: BOX MISSING PARTS, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231. |                                   |
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Enclosed in Check No. 499418 in the amount of \$720.00 for the Four (4) Months Extension of Time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A copy of this Petition Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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